

**Nord PTO Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018 @ 9am
Nord Middle School**

Meeting order: 9:05 am

Principal: Miss Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Thank you for the conference meals, the signs, and the gaga ball pit. Our staff and students appreciate all that the PTO does to support us.
- ❖ We are working with Zietlows on the media center remodel. We have drawn up a preliminary design showing the new layout, including the new bookshelves and other furniture. We will be meeting again with Zietlows to further discuss the plans.

Teacher Report:

- ❖ Miss Wisnor followed up about the Nutcracker performance that will be coming to the school. All grade levels will be attending and the cost of this experience will be covered by funds from the grade level budgets.
- ❖ The Spark Theater assembly will be for all grades and will take place on Feb 20th 2019. PTO will cover the cost from the Field Trip budget. ?? field trip or inhouse?
- ❖ Mrs Kaufman thanked the PTO for the GoPro camera. They are getting a lot of use out of it.
- ❖ The teachers and Miss Jiovanazzo are working on implementing some kind of reward program for each grade which would allow students to earn a reward for each grading period if they met certain requirements. Rewards such as going to the movie theater or bowling, etc. They would go as a class, during school.

BOARD:

President: Sarah Yoder (nordpto1@gmail.com; 330-698-0244)

- ❖ Teacher Grant Request: \$284.35
 - This money will be used to pay for lodging at a two day co-teaching conference in Columbus. The district has paid for our registration, and we are are hoping that PTO will help us with the expense of lodging by reimbursing the \$284.35 cost. The four of us will be sharing a room to keep the expense down. We will be covering fuel and meal expenses out of our own pockets.
-At the Conference, we will be learning timesaving tips and effective procedures for co-planning along with innovative, new technology resources for inclusive classrooms. These fresh ideas will help us to establish and nurture strong collaborative partnerships. We are hoping to bring back teacher-friendly, easy-to-use strategies for differentiating instruction in co-taught classrooms.
~**Tonya Puhalla made a motion to approve, Heather Hatten seconded. Vote: Yes**

Vice President: Joan Leibacher (joanleibacher@gmail.com; 440-222-6866)

Treasurer: Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321)

Not in attendance.

- ❖ Hallway Signs: \$1,494 approved @ Oct Meeting; cost was \$1,537.89 (difference was because we needed more chain and different hooks)
- ❖ Gaga Ball Pit: \$2,400.00 Budget
We have spent \$2,061.82 on the Gaga Ball Pit and then \$143.45 on the food for the JVS students/Amherst Grounds Crew on the last day and opening; totaling \$2,205.27
Remaining \$194.73 will be spent on rock for around the Gaga Ball Pit (once available)
- ❖ Book Fair: \$1,791.60 profit (after buying the remaining books for right to read week)
Conf Raffles: \$137.00 profit (prizes were donations, except 2 Kalahari tickets which we used credits to purchase)
Total Profit: \$ 1,928.60
- ❖ Kalahari: 175 tickets sold (\$3,500)
 - 3 credits from the last sale
 - +2 for Conference Raffle
 - 174 tickets paid to Kalahari (\$2,610)
 - (\$890 profit)**

Secretary: Dawn Clappas (dclappas@gmail.com; 440-983-7776)

- ❖ Please sign in on the attendance sheet
- ❖ **~Tonya Puhalla made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Lauren Price seconded. Vote: Yes**
- ❖ Please email me any agenda information by the Monday before the PTO meeting.
- ❖ Inquired about the height of the grappling hook and monkey bars on the playground.
They are too high and the students can't reach them. Ms. J is aware and is looking into solutions that would not void any warranties and would comply with all safety standards.

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

Book Fair: Lauren Price (laurenmfries@hotmail.com; 440-453-5053)

- ❖ Our total sales for the book fair were \$8,462.29. \$25.59 in online sales. We took part cash, part Scholastic dollars for our profit reward, so we would have enough Scholastic dollars to purchase the book Shiloh for all Nord students. Our cash profit was \$1,785.57, and 660 Scholastic dollars.
 - Scholastic is asking us to confirm dates for next years book fair. We will hold it on the two conference dates again, but won't know the exact dates until next year's school calendar is approved.

Community Fundraising: Christina Zilko (cmzilko@icloud.com; 440-453-4903)

- ❖ Marco's Pizza Box Night- *Tonya Puhalla*
 - We made \$197.87 profit. Mrs. Boggs class won for most sales, overall.
- ❖ Amazon Smile: We will now have one account between the three schools and will split three ways.

Community Support Initiative: Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321) and Christina Zilko (cmzilko@icloud.com; 440-453-4903)

Field Day: Jen Wolf (jynn6@yahoo.com; 330-687-8205)

May 24th - all grades ½ morning (8:30am - 10:30am) ½ afternoon (11:30am-1:30pm) Class schedule TBD after the first of the year

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation: Dawn Bott and Joan Leibacher (joanleibacher@gmail.com; 440-222-6866)

Membership/Birthday Grams: Ginny Crow (aydrien2017@gmail.com; 440-654-3982)

Social Media: Sarah Yoder, (nordpto1@gmail.com; 330-698-0244), Jen Denn (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-309-5321), and Erin Kinser (erin_kinser@amherstk12.org)
Be sure to "Like" and share FB posts and retweet our tweets

Kalahari: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- ❖ See above under Treasurer for sale details. Was the most successful with \$890 profit. We will keep the November date in the future and are looking into a possible summer date. Also looking into doing an overnight special. Kalahari offers deals for each room booked, the school receives money back (about \$10 per room). Also looking into doing a staff only day.

Monsters: Sarah Crosby (srhcrosby@gmail.com; 440-396-8174)

Apparel Sales: Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com)

- ❖ District wide sale did not go as well as hoped. Only about 100 orders. Discussed ways to increase revenue. Perhaps start sale earlier in the school year. Find ways to offer sample shirts so people can see what they're buying. Dairy Mart in Amherst as well as other local stores are hurting our sales.
 - \$5839.00 deposited (corrected from meeting) plus \$108.00 for this week. This does not include expenses.

Reading Club: Sarah Crosby (srhcrosby@gmail.com; 440-396-8174), Heather Hatten (heathermhatten@gmail.com), and Nancy Penano (nancypenano@hotmail.com; 440-787-3958)

Walk a thon: Sarah Yoder

Social Events: Heather Perch (pearch896@gmail.com, 724-312-9704) and Darcie Parsons (darcia16@hotmail.com, 440-667-5202)

It was decided after the meeting to change the Me and My Gal dance for the boys to March 1st and the Me and My Guy dance for the girls to March 8th. Both dances will be held at Nord.

Meeting adjourned: 9:55am

Next meeting will be December 12th @ 6:00pm